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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIR OF GOI ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ORGANIZATION

1. TEHRAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORIES
ON 25 AUG HIGHLIGHTING THE GOVT'S DISSATISFACTION WITH
THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORGANIZATION (EPO)
AND ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF MAOUCHER FEYLI, AS 43 YEAR OLD
CAREER GOVT OFFICIAL, AS THE NEW DIR OF EPO.

2. PRINCE ABDORREZA, CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE EPO,
REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE EPO HAD NOT ACHIEVED ANY OF ITS GOALS
DURING THE PAST 3 YEARS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF
EPO'S PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELDS OF PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTION OF WILD LIFE. PRINCE ABDORREZA
ATTRIBUTED EPO'S ALLEGEDLY POOR PERFORMANCE PRIMARILY TO "WEAK
MANAGEMENT" AND "ADMINISTRATIVE INEFFICIENCY" HE ALSO CITED LACK OF
COOPERATION BETWEEN EPO AND THE PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION (PBOL
AS HAMPERING IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.
IN ADDITION, PRINCE ABDORREZA COMMENTED THAT THE BROAD SCOPE OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ACT HAD CAUSED MANY GOVT AGENCIES
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TO BELIEVE THAT EPO WAS THE SOLE ORGANIZATION CHARGED WITH PRO-
TECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

3. THE PRINCE SAID THAT THE MOST IMMEDIATE TASK OF THE NEW EPO
ADMINISTRATION WAS TO MORE EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENT IRAN'S
HUNTING AND FISHING LAWS. HE ALSO INSTRUCTED THE NEW DIR OF THE
EPO TO DEVOTE HIS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO REMOVING ADMINISTRATIVE

OBSTACLES WITHIN THE EPO AND INTRODUCING PRODUCTIVE MANAGEMENT
TECHNIQUES.

4. MANOUCHER FEYLI, WHO REPLACED ESKANDER FIROUZ AS CHIEF OF THE EPO, IS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAS AN ENGINEERING DEGREE FROM A US UNIV. FEYLI HAS HELD POSITIONS IN THE OIL INDUSTRY AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFS. MOST RECENTLY FEYLI WAS A SENIOR OFFICIAL WITH THE INDUSTRIAL CREDIT BANK.

5. A NEW DEP DIR OF EPO HAS ALSO BEEN APPOINTED. HE IS RASHID JAMSHID. JAMSHID IS 36 YEARS OLD. HE WAS HEAD OF THE KHORASSAN PROVINCE HUNTING AND FISHING DEPARTMENT FOR 7 YEARS. HE WAS EDUCATED IN THE US AND ATTENDED A TWO YEAR COURSE ON WILD LIFE IN THE US FROM 1970 TO 1972.

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